AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning and ending at line 15, as follows:

Fig. 2 is Figs. 2A and 2B are an ultrastructural comparison comparisons between HTLV and LAV.

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 18 and ending at line 19, as follows:

Fig. 4 is Figs. 4A and 4B are an electrophoresis and autoradiogram autoradiograms of ³⁵methionine-labelled LAV.

On page 3, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 20 and ending at line 21, as follows:

Fig. 5 is a polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (12.5%) of immune complexes between ³⁵S-labelled virus and horse sera.

Please delete pages 32-37.